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Held in the

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July 15 and 16, 1896.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the North Carolina Press Association:

The custodian of your funds desires to submit the following report of your receipts and disbursements for the year just ended:

RECEIPTS.

To balance on last report	$277 55	
" amounts received from delinquents 1895	28 00	
" " " " ads. in minutes	60 50	
" " " " D. J. Whichard as per statement accompanying	56 25	
To fees from 26 new members, $3.00	78 00	—$500 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

By printing bill	$112 90	
" postage "	31 70	
" amount allowed Secretary	50 00	
" expenses to Atlanta to arrange excursion	9 80	
" paid telegrams	3 20	—$207 60
Balance on hand		292 70

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHERRILL, Treas.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed to audit the accounts of J. B. Sherrill, Treasurer of the North Carolina Press Association, having examined carefully the accounts herewith submitted, find them to be correct, and hereby approve the same.

J. P. CALDWELL,
E. A. OSBORNE,
W. C. DOWD,
Committee.

In accordance with section 9 of the By-Laws, President Clark has appointed the following essayists for the meeting of 1897:

"The Semi-Weekly for Country Towns—Its Advantages and Disadvantages."—W. S. Herbert, Kinston Free Press.

"The Country Weekly as a *News*-paper—Should it Cultivate the Local Field Exclusively, or Should it Endeavor also to Embrace the General Field?"—W. F. Marshall, Gastonia Gazette.

"The Business End of a Newspaper—The Best Methods of Soliciting Advertising and Subscriptions—Can the Cash-in-advance System be Strictly Maintained?"—Thad. R. Manning, Henderson Gold Leaf.

"Journalism and Politics—Can the Newspaper Best Serve its Constituency as a Party Organ or as an Independent Journal?"—A. S. Dockery, Rockingham Index.

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OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

North Carolina

Press Association,

HELD IN

THE CITY OF WILMINGTON,

July 15th and 16th, 1896.

ALSO

The Constitution, By-Laws and Roll of Members.

COMPILED BY

D. J. Whichard, Secretary Pro Tem.

CONCORD, N. C.:
THE TIMES BOOK AND JOB PRESSES
1896.

Officers 1896-'97.

President.

R. R. Clark, - - - - Statesville Landmark.

Vice-Presidents.

J. B. Whitaker, Jr., - - Winston Sentinel.
J. T. Britt, - - - - - Oxford Ledger.
W. A. Curtis, - - - - Franklin Press.

Secretary and Treasurer.

J. B. Sherrill, - - - - Concord Times.

Orator.

J. C. Tipton, - - - Rutherfordton Democrat.

Poet.

W. W. McDiarmid, - - Lumberton Robesonian.

Executive Committee.

R. R. Clark, Chairman, - Statesville Landmark.
J. B Sherrill, Secretary, - - Concord Times.
J. A. Thomas, - - - - Louisburg Times.
H. A. London, - - - - Chatham Record.
J. W. Bailey, - - - - Biblical Recorder.
Thad. R. Manning, - - Henderson Gold Leaf.
J. A. Robinson, - - - - Durham Sun.

Delegates to National Editorial Association.

To Meeting of 1897, Time and Place to be Selected:

J. B. Whitaker, Jr., - - Winston Sentinel.
J. A. Thomas, - - - - Louisburg Times.
M. L. Shipman, - - - - Brevard Hustler.
Benjamin Bell, - - Wilmington Messenger.

ALTERNATES.

H. T. King, - - - - Greenville Weekly.
J. W. Noell, - - - - Roxboro Courier.
J. A. Arthur, - - - Washington Messenger.
J. J. Farris, - - - High Point Enterprise

To Meeting of 1896 at Galveston, Texas:

J. P. Calwell, - - - Charlotte Observer.
W. C. Ervin, - - - - Morganton Herald.
J. P. Kerr, - - - - - Asheville Citizen.
J. W. Bailey, - - - - Biblical Recorder.

ALTERNATES.

D. J. Whichard, - - - Greenville Reflector.
J. A. Robinson, - - - - Durham Sun.
Josephus Daniels, - - News and Observer.
W. W. McDiarmid, - - Lumberton Robesonian.

Order of Business.

The following shall be the Order of Business for the North Carolina Press Association:

1. The presiding officer shall call the body to order.
2. The Secretary shall call the roll.
3. Executive Committee will report.
4. Appointing committees.
5. Motions and resolutions.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. The President's Address shall be delivered and the Historian's paper read on the afternoon of the first day's session.
8. The Annual Oration shall be delivered and the Annual Poem read on the night of the first day's session.
9. Essays shall be read on the second day of the Convention. Discussions thereon shall follow.
10. Officers shall be elected at 11 o'clock of the last day's session.
11. The newly elected officers shall be installed.
12. Final adjournment.

North Carolina Press Association,

Twenty-Fourth Annual Session.

WILMINGTON, N. C,, July 15th, 1896.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Session of the North Carolina Press Association met in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce at Wilmington at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, July 15th, 1896, and was called to order by President, C. L. Stevens, of the Newbern Journal.

The Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. Rob't Strange, D. D., Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, Wilmington.

President Stevens read the following letter from Secretary J. B. Sherrill, who was detained at home by sickness:

CONCORD, N. C., July 12, 1896.

Charles L. Stevens, Esq., President of the North Carolina Press Association:

MY DEAR SIR AND BRO:

Please announce to the Convention that I am detained at home by a spell of fever—have been in bed ten days and am very unwell to-day. I have done the very best I could upon my sick bed to get passes and do the preliminary work for a successful Convention. I hope you will all have a pleasant and profitable Convention. It is one of the regrets of my life that I cannot be with you.

With kind regards to every member of the Association, I am,

Yours Truly and Fraternally,

J. B. SHERRILL.

D. J. Whichard was appointed Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Secretary called the roll.

Mr. Iredell Meares, in a timely and well-worded speech, delivered an address of welcome to the Association on behalf of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, embracing therein some very interesting data upon Wilmington's industry and resources.

Maj. W. H. Bernard, of the Wilmington Star, also

heartily welcomed the Association on behalf of the press and people of Wilmington.

These addresses were handsomely responded to on behalf of the Association by Col. J. C. Tipton, of the Rutherfordton Democrat.

The Executive Committee, through H. A. London, made the following report on applications for membership, and all were duly elected :

S. E. Williams, Lexington Dispatch.
W. G. Bradshaw, High Point Enterprise.
Wm. Hale, Hickory Press.
Fred. O. Sink, Lexington Dispatch.
H. B. Varner, Lexington Dispatch.
J. S. Merony, Cherokee Scout.
Chas. H. Cowles, North Wilkesboro News.
W. R. Ferrell, Nashville Optic.
J. Frank Maddry, Durham Morning Herald.
W. H. Bernard, Wilmington Star.
Benj. Bell, Wilmington Messenger.
T. G. Cobb, Morganton Herald.

President C. L. Stevens then delivered his address, as follows :

PRESIDENT STEVENS' ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the North Carolina Press Association :

In the very beginning of my address I must ask your pardon and indulgence if a portion of my remarks seem to be of too personal and individual a character.

It would certainly be unnatural if I did not feel a pleasurable glow of pride in standing before you to-day, as President of your Association, and in a city which has ever extended to me a cordial and sincere welcome, in whatever capacity I have come here. It was not mere mouth welcome which I received nearly seven years ago, when, after starting in my first journalistic effort at Southport. I came up to this city; but I was given substantial encouragement, which every one of you know tells most, that of several columns of ads. and at my own figures.

The very great honor which I have enjoyed during the past year as your president I have felt and appreciated most keenly, and I trust you will not misjudge me if at any time I have seemed too much puffed up.

Gentlemen, I shall not burden you with a long address, but as becomes my official capacity, I will note a few matters which I consider of importance to this Association, and leave them for your consideration.

Collectively as newspaper men, I believe we are all too loose in our business methods. In other words the North Carolina Press is a free press—too free to it's own sorrow, for what sorrow is more searching than that of an empty pocket?

To churches, societies, entertainments of all kinds and to politicians, we give our space, and pay for the composition, which never yields a cent's return. We have space to rent and papers to sell, yet we give both away every week, as if every editor of us had a "friend" to whom we could go for money in our time of need and philanthropy was our only object in life. This is not business, and I believe we would be more thought of if we sold our papers and collected the rents promptly for all our space used for matter which is not strictly news. Let us try to live up to the motto, "charity begins at home," and not run newspapers for fun, but for business ends, remembering that as we discredit our newspaper space and belittle it by making it free, so will the public accept it.

On one matter which I believe this Association has been so long neglectful of, and which I believe it's constitution and by-laws do not mention, is that in regard to deaths of it's members. I believe that suitable and appropriate notice should be taken of the death of every member of this Association, which may be deemed best by it's members, and the family of the deceased should receive some memorial from this Association, in regard to the departed member. Action on this matter I leave to your judgment.

While this Association has agitated the question of the law in regard to legal advertisements, I have not discovered that any real benefits have been secured. I am impressed with the fact that discussion here on this matter accomplishes but little. Let each editor make the fight in his own town and county, until we either have the present laws regarding legal advertisements strictly carried out, or get them repealed and better ones enacted. In addition to this individual effort it is my opinion that this Association should select a committee from it's membership at this meeting, who shall have full power to act in it's behalf, on any needed legislation which may effect the laws governing legal newspaper advertisements in North Carolina, and that this committee should see to it that some real good is accomplished, which shall result in giving us plain, unmistakable laws authorizing all legal advertisements and at prices which shall give the newspaper a living profit. Also, that this committee's

expenses be paid out of the funds of this Association. In this connection I also offer the suggestion that this committee be composed of members whom we know will see to it that necessary legislation for the good of this Association will be affected at the next General Assembly of North Carolina.

Another matter of legislation which I deem of great importance is that in regard to a national law. This movement has been inaugurated, but to what extent anything has come of it I am not familiar.

I do not remember that any actual law is in force in regard to newspaper libel, which gives us a much needed and just protection. We are not infallible, and in our daily hurry of business we are apt to publish news of a libelous character, at the same time being perfectly innocent of any intent to commit a libel, or do injury to persons or things. A prompt retraction in our columns, after the error has been brought to the knowledge of the editor ought to be accepted in mitigation of any damages.

I suggest that your delegates to the National Editorial Association be given instructions to prepare a suitable resolution on this subject, which shall be presented to that body, and concerted action be made to perfect and legislate into force a national libel law.

Gentlemen, I believe the newspapers of this State are unusually free from inaccurate statement in their presentation of current happenings. I congratulate you upon it and trust that it may continue. Yet this should not make us less zealous towards creating a national libel law.

It is not my purpose to enumerate the many matters which pertain to and effect this Association. You have heard them discussed very often in our meetings, and many of you have acted upon them-to your individual profit. The suggestions I have made are not claimed as new, but they have appeared to me to be most pertinent to offer at this time. I have noted with interest and satisfaction a general improvement in the newspapers of North Carolina during the past year. I congratulate you upon your efforts. I trust they have been rewarded in a more substantial manner than by mere words of praise. Gentlemen, you are not only the sentinels to guard North Carolina's interests, but you are also the custodians of all that is within the boundaries of the State. To you is the power to direct public sentiment along lines of right and patriotism.

These are trying times in North Carolina, and to no one is the test more severe than upon the press. You must be everywhere, see everything, hear everything in order to sound the warning to your people. You must be in the world, yet not of it. You cannot afford to lose the calls for justice. Never was the time so opportune for you

to prove yourselves faithful to the trusts imposed upon you. In all the political heat and strife let us ever keep most prominently in mind that we are North Carolinians, that our State's interests are first, that only as her honor and integrity are maintained shall we, the press, be great.

On motion of J. A. Robinson a committee of three, consisting of J. B. Whitaker, J. W. Noell, and H. A. London was appointed to consider the suggestions in the President's address, and select topics for discussion.

J. B. Whitaker offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we hear with profound regret of the illness of our efficient Secretary, Mr. J. B. Sherrill, and that we sincerely wish for him speedy restoration to health and usefulness.

On motion of H. A. London, the acting Secretary was instructed to send a telegram to Mr. Sherrill expressing the regrets of the Association at his sickness and hopes for his speedy restoration.

The President announced an invitation from Capt J. W. Harper for the Association to take a trip down the river and to the sea on Thursday.

On motion of S. E. Williams the invitation was accepted with thanks.

Committee on President's address through J. B. Whitaker made the following report:

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Your committee is pleased to endorse the suggestion in regard to memorials of deceased members of this Association and would recommend that the annual Historian be requested to comply fully with the requirements of Article 3, Section 4, of the Constitution.

We recommend the adoption of the President's idea in reference to the appointment of a committee to obtain from the next General Assembly of North Carolina the enactment of such laws as in their opinion may seem best, in regard to legal advertising.

In endorsing the recommendation as to a National Libel Law, we are pleased to report that the National Editorial Association is doing its utmost to secure just libel laws in all the States of the Union.

We recommend the discussion of subjects and appoint speakers as follows:

1st. "Publishing Newspapers for Business and Not for Fun."—W. H. Bernard, J. A. Robinson and R. R. Clark.

2nd. "Legal Advertising"—J. C. Tipton, S. E. Williams and J. T. Britt.

3rd. "Laws of Libel."—J. P. Caldwell, E. A. Osborne and J. S Meroney.

J. B. WHITAKER, JR.,
J. W. NOELL,
H. A. LONDON,
Committee.

On motion of H. A. London the discussion of topics embraced in above report was made the order for the evening session.

On motion of H. A. London, the Association decided to hold the election of officers as near 11 o'clock to-morrow as practicable, not allowing the excursion to interfere with this provision of the By-Laws.

On motion of J. A. Robinson, E. E. Harper, formerly of the Newbern Journal, was elected an honorary member of the Association, under Article 2, Section 6 of the Constitution.

On motion of Rev. E. A. Osborne, Z. W. Whitehead, formerly of the Fayetteville Observer, was also elected an honorary member of the Association.

The following letter from the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends was read, and on motion was commended to the individual members of the Association:

Respected Friends:

The courteous consideration shown for six years past to our Committee as the representatives of Friends, by Journalists and different members of the Press, induces us to ask again the reading of a new appeal, sent forth since our last Annual Meeting of this year. The expression given there, evinced a warm appreciation of the efforts made by many of the leading papers of our day, through a high standard of their own, to raise the tone of those, which heretofore have been "a menace to our homes." We trust their good example and the potent influence thus obtained will more and more prevail, until we find all papers bringing "food convenient" for the day.

We ask that those advertisements (both personal and medical) which now invite to sin, be utterly cast out, and that the detail of debasing crime no more be sought, as catering to a taste which Journalists and patrons have alike determined to reform. Let pictures which have often proved insidious roads to ruin for the young, be henceforth seen no more, and fairer, lovelier paths be traced, leading to virtue and to hope.

When this most happy state of things is found, when truth has vanquished error and right triumphed over wrong, then may we gratefully acknowledge that our papers serve, as one of the best agencies we have, for the enlightenment which every nation craves, and the best education of our people, upon every topic of the day. Looking upon the Press as holding in its hand the balance of the scale in which the past and future will be weighed, we pray that it swerve not, but being true to the high purpose which it claims to serve, will prove an inspiration to bring forth "the grand in human nature," and the beautiful in every home.

Trusting that this offering may find a place within your paper, and asking for a short reply from every office into which it goes, we here again return our thanks for previous favors shown, and are most cordially,

Your friends,

ISABELLA TYSON, Chairman,
1208 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Md.
ESTHER LAMB,
MARY C. BLACKBURN,
ANN BRANSON,
CAROLINE R. HULL,
P. JENNIE HEWES,
LUCY C. WALKER,
} Committee

On motion of J. T. Britt convention adjourned to 8 o'clock, P. M.

At 2 : 30, P. M., the Association was given an excursion over the Sea Coast Railroad to Wrightsville and Ocean View. At the latter place many of the editors enjoyed a surf bath, and on the return a stop was made at Wrightsville to partake of an oyster roast.

Evening Session.

The Convention met at 8 : 30.

J. C. Tipton offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to Hon. H. A. London for the careful, pains-taking and able manner in which he compiled the laws of North Carolina upon the subject of legal advertising, which compilation were published in the proceedings of the last annual session of this Association.

The special order of business for the evening was taken up, viz: Discussion of topics selected by Committee from President's message.

1st. "Publishing Newspapers for Business and Not for Fun," was discussed by J. A. Robinson, R. R. Clark and Rev. E. A. Osborne.

2nd. "Legal Advertising," discussed by J. C. Tipton and J. T. Britt.

3rd. "Law of Libel," discussed by J. P. Caldwell, Rev. E. A. Osborne and J. S. Meroney.

Miss Sallie K. Stevens, representing the work of the W. C. T. U. of the State, read an interesting paper before the Association, and was followed by an address from Mrs. Sue V. Tomlinson.

Remarks were made by Rev. E. A. Osborne upon cruelty to animals and a reformatory for youthful criminals.

The following resolution offered by D. J. Whichard was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with much pleasure and interest the paper read by Miss Stevens and the remarks of Mrs. Tomlinson before the Association, relative to the work of the W. C. T. U., and we assure them that the Press of North Carolina stands ready to aid them in their noble work for the uplifting of humanity.

The Convention then adjourned.

Thursday morning at 9:30, through the courtesy of Capt. J. W. Harper, the Association was taken on an excursion on steamer Wilmington down the Cape Fear to Southport and a short distance out to sea.

Second Day.

The Convention was called to order at 11 A. M., on board steamer Wilmington by Vice-President W. W. McDiarmid.

On motion of H. A. London the by-laws were suspended and the election of officers was postponed until afternoon.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at Carolina Beach at 4 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention was called to order by Vice-President W. W. McDiarmid at Carolina Beach at 4:15 P. M., and the election of officers was announced as the special order of business for this hour.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—R. R. Clark, Statesville Landmark.

1st Vice-President—J. B. Whitaker, Jr., Winston Sentinel.

2nd Vice-President—J. T. Britt, Oxford Ledger.

3rd Vice-President—W. A. Curtis, Franklin Press.

Secretary and Treasurer—J. B. Sherrill, Concord Times.

Poet—W. W. McDiarmid, Lumberton Robesonian.

Orator—J. C. Tipton, Rutherfordton Democrat.

Executive Committee—J. A. Thomas, H. A. London, Thad. R. Manning, J. A. Robinson and J. W. Bailey.

Delegates to National Convention to meet in 1897—J. B. Whitaker, J. A. Thomas, M. L. Shipman and Benjamin Bell.

Alternates—H. T. King, J. W. Noell, J. A. Arthur, J. J. Farris.

Dr. G. D. Bernheim was introduced to the Association and expressed his pleasure at again greeting the members, some of whom he had known long and well.

On motion of H. A. London a committee consisting of J. P. Caldwell, W. C. Dowd and Rev. E. A. Osborne was appointed to examine the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and they were authorized to make him the usual allowance of $50.

The following resolution was offered by J. C. Tipton and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the North Carolina Press Association are hereby extended to the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce for the cordial invitation and entertainment while in Wilmington; to the Wilmington Sea Coast R. R.; the Wilmington Street Railway; to Capt. J. W. Harper of the steamer Wilmington; and to the railroads for courtesies extended.

Resolved further, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to D. J. Whichard for the faithful and efficient manner in which he discharged the duties of Secretary of this Convention.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce through Mr. T. L. Huggins extended an invitation to the Association to make Wilmington its permanent headquarters, for which, on motion of J. P. Caldwell, the Association tendered the Chamber of Commerce a note of thanks.

On motion of R. A. Deal the selection of time and place for holding the next annual meeting of the Association was left with the Executive Committee.

H. A. London and R. A. Deal were appointed a committee to escort the newly elected President to the chair.

The Association adjourned to meet at 8:30 P. M. in Wilmington.

Evening Session.

The Convention was called to order at 8:15 by President R. R. Clark.

W. W. McDiarmid was called upon and addressed the Association on "Subscription Price and Advertising of Papers." He was followed by J. B. Whitaker on same subject.

On motion of J. C. Tipton a committee consisting of J. C. Tipton, H. A. London and J. P. Caldwell was appointed to draft resolutions upon the death of J. J. Stewart and Geo. W. Blount.

H. A. London made some remarks upon publishing resolutions and tributes of respect without pay. He was followed by J. T. Britt and W. W. McDiarmid.

J. P. Caldwell for committee on resolutions reported as follows:

The North Carolina Press Association wishes to put on record a memorial of two of its members who have crossed the river within the past year.

Geo. W. Blount, Esq., late of the Wilson Mirror, was one of the most regular in his attendance and one of the most interested members of this Association. Always courteous, always genial, his presence was always welcome and his absence is deplored.

John J. Stewart, Esq., late of the Salisbury Truth, was a veteran of the craft. He was an experienced, respected and influential member of the profession when some of us here present were boys, and before others of our number were born. A man of force of character of high character, of power as a writer, he has left his impress upon the press of the State and his influence will be felt for years to come on the people among whom he immediately labored.

We desire that our minutes testify the sense of our loss in the death of these brethren, who are among the mourned and missed.

It is ordered that a copy of this paper be furnished the families of each of the deceased.

J. P. CALDWELL,
JNO. C. TIPTON,
H. A. LONDON.

The following letter from the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce was read by the Secretary:

To the North Carolina Press Association:

Gentlemen:—In behalf of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, I ask your Association to make Wilmington your permanent place of meeting. I tender the rooms of the Chamber, for your use, and promise in behalf of our Citizens to make your annual visits pleasant.

Very respectfully,
JAS. H. CHADBOURN, Jr.,
President.

Remarks were made on the letter on behalf of Wilmington by Mr. F. L. Huggins and Mr. Benjamin Bell.

Remarks on the city's hospitality were made by J. P. Caldwell.

J. P. Caldwell offered the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote:

The North Carolina Press Association, on the eve of adjournment, makes special acknowledgement of its thanks for unnumbered courtesies to Messrs. F. L. Huggins, B. F. King and Charles M. Whittaker, the committee of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce having our entertainment specially in charge; to the members of the local press, especially Messrs. Bell and Bernard, and to Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., President of the Chamber of Commerce, for his kind invitation to the Association to make this delightful city its permanent headquarters.

Several members spoke upon foreign advertisers, and how to ascertain their standing and reliability.

On motion, after a beautiful prayer by Rev. E. A. Osborne, President Clarke declared the Convention adjourned sine die.

D. J. WHICHARD,
Secretary, *pro tem.*

Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be the North Carolina Press Association.

Sec. 2. The object of this Association shall be to promote the material interests of the press of North Carolina, and to elevate the tone and character thereof.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

Section 1. There shall be two classes of membership in this Association—active and honorary.

Sec. 2. Any editor or publisher of a newspaper in the State of North Carolina desirous of becoming an active member of this Association, may apply in writing to the Secretary, and shall deposit with him the membership fee; and said application shall be passed upon by the Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee shall deem the applicant a proper person for membership, the Secretary shall extend to him such courtesies as are provided for members. The Executive Committee shall report to the Association at the ensuing annual meeting, the names of persons recommended for membership. A vote shall be taken on the recommendation of the committee, and if three-fourths of the members present vote in favor thereof, the persons recommended shall be received into membership: *Provided*, that at any annual meeting the rules may be suspended and applications for membership may be considered without the intervention of the Executive Committee: *Provided further*, that the Secretary shall have no authority to extend the courtesies of the Association to any person not recommended by the Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Sec. 3. Every applicant for membership must have been connected with the newspaper business, either as editor or publisher, at least three months before making application, and he shall file with his application a copy of his publication with satisfactory evidence that he is the editor or publisher therof.

Sec. 4. Persons, not newspapers, shall constitute the membership of this Association, and each member shall have one vote, which may be by proxy: *Provided*, that such proxy shall be a member of the Association.

Sec. 5. Each active member of the Association shall pay to the Secretary annually, on or before the 15th day of July, the annual membership fee, and any member who shall fail or neglect to make such payment two years in succession, shall be dropped from the roll of membership.

Sec. 6. Members of the Association who have rendered long and

honorable service in the profession, upon retiring from the newspaper business may be elected honorary members of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting. Such members shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Association and exercise all the rights of active members except voting and holding office, but the Association shall not be bound to secure for them railroad transportation or other courtesies which may be extended to the active members of the Association.

SEC. 7. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association, or who shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of the Association, may be expelled by a two-thirds vote of all the members at any meeting.

SEC. 8. Persons who have become members of the Association by misrepresentation on their own part or by misapprehension on the part of the Association or Executive Committee may be expelled by a majority vote of the Association.

SEC, 9. The provisions of this article shall not extend to editors or publishers of school and college papers, or other publications that have nothing in common with the newspaper business, or to owners of newspapers who are not directly engaged in the editorial or business management thereof, or to any persons who are not *bona fide* editors or publishers of publications conducted as legitimate newspaper enterprises, as distinguished from advertising sheets or papers published as accessory to some other business of the editor or publisher.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, first, second, and third Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, Historian, Orator, Poet and Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Secretary and five other members.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and shall call special meetings thereof upon a recommendation of a majority of the Executive Committee. In his absence from meetings, the Vice-Presidents in their order shall preside.

SEC. 3. The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Association and shall superintend the publication of the same. He shall keep a minute book containing a record of the proceedings of all the meetings of the Association, and a correct roll of members. He shall collect membership fees, annual dues and other funds of the Association, and shall pay out moneys only on the order of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 4. The Historian shall record the newspaper history of the year, giving special prominence to new publications, suspensions, changes in business or editorial management of all newspapers in the State, and shall include therein a brief sketch of such journalists in the State as have died with the year, all in the form of a paper to be read at the ensuing session of the Association.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall meet annually at any place that may be selected by the President not less than thirty days previous to the annual meeting of the Association to make arrangements for the entertainment of the Association at the ensuing annual meet-

ing, to provide for excursions or other recreation after the adjournment of the Association, as may be deemed advisable, and to transact such other business of the Association as may come within the province of the committee.

Sec. 6. The President, Vice-Presidents, Orator and Poet shall be ineligible to two terms in succession.

Sec. 7. The officers of the Association shall be elected for one year, and shall continue to discharge the duties of their offices until their successors are elected and installed.

Sec. 8. Vacancies occurring in any offices, except that of President, during the interval between meetings may be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings.

Section 1. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may have been selected at the last preceding meeting. The Association may omit to designate the place of meeting, in which case the Executive Committee shall select the place on or about the first of May. In the event that neither the Asssociation nor the Executive Committee determine the place of the meeting as herein provided, the Association shall meet in the city of Raleigh. In no case shall there be a failure to hold the annual meeting at the time herein provided by reason of the neglect of the Association or the Executive Committee to decide upon a place of meeting.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be held at such time and place as the President may designate, whenever the Executive Committee may deem it necessary or advisable to hold them: *Provided*, that thirty day's notice of such meetings shall be given by publication in some newspaper published by a member of the Association.

ARTICLE V.

Constitution.

The Constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

By-Laws.

1. The ordinary parliamentary rules shall govern the deliberations of the Association.
2. The meeting of the Association shall be opened with prayer by some minister at the request of the President.
3. All voting for officers shall be by ballot except by unanimous consent.
4. The admission fee shall be three dollars, and the annual membership fee two dollars.
5. The President and Secretary of the Association shall be chairman and clerk respectively of the Committee
6. At each annual meeting a committee, consisting of the Secretary

and Historian, shall report a revised roll of membership in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

7. Passes obtained by the Secretary for the transportation of members to and from the meeting of the Association, shall not be issued to members until they have paid their annual dues.

8. The Secretary shall cause to be printed a sufficient number of copies of the proceedings of Association to provide each active member with three copies and each honorary member with one copy, and he shall cause the same to be printed and mailed before the first day of October. He shall not send copies to persons not members of the Association unless requested to.

9. Within two weeks after the adjournment of the annual meeting the President shall appoint four members to prepare essays to be read at the next annual meeting, and shall notify the Secretary of the appointment, so that the names of the essayists may be printed in the proceedings. He shall assign the subject which shall relate to the newspaper or printing business.

10. The annual meetings shall continue in session two days.

11. Miscellaneous business may be brought forward at any time when it will not conflict with the regular order.

12. These by-laws may be amended at any annual meeting by a majority of all the members present.

Roll of Members.

Abernethy, C. L.---Beaufort Herald
Arthur, J. A., Jr.---Washington Messenger
Aycock, D. E.---Henderson Hustler
Abernethy, E. A.---Beaufort Herald
Ayer, Hal. W.---Raleigh Caucasion
Butler, Marion---" "
Britt, J. T.---Oxford Ledger
Bethune, L. A.---Clinton Democrat
Beatty, J. M.---Smithfield Herald
Boone, J. D.---Waynesville Courier
Boylin, J. G.---Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer
Bonner, R. T.---Aurora Age
Bailey, J. W.---Raleigh Biblical Recorder
Barnes, L. E.---Wilson Observer
Bell, W. B.---Elkin Times
Bradshaw, W. G.---High Point Enterprise
Bernard, W. H.---Wilmington Star
Bell, Benj.---Wilmington Messenger
Cowles, Chas. H.---North Wilkesboro News
Cobb, T. G.---Morganton Herald
Curtis, W. A.---Franklin Press
Coley, Will X.---Mocksville Times
Clark, R. R.---Statesville Landmark
Caldwell, J. P.---Charlotte Observer
Conner, A. J.---Lasker Patron and Gleaner
Carson, A. S.---Sparta Star
Deaton, H. P.---Concord Standard
Donaldson, C. S---Charlotte Textile Excelsior
Deal, R. A.---Wilkesboro Chronicle
Dowd, W. C.---Charlotte News
Dockery, A. S.---Rockingham Index
Daniels, Josephus---Raleigh News and Observer
Ellison, A. S.---High Point Poultryman and Dairyman
Foote, H. A.---Warrenton Gazette
Fagan, J. W---Aberdeen Telegram
Farris, J. J.---High Point Enterprise
Ferrell, W. R.---Nashville Optic
Gold, Jno. D.---Wilson Zion's Landmark
Grissom, Rev. W. L.---Greensboro Advocate
Hilliard, E. E.---Scotland Neck Democrat
Hunt, C. W.---Burlington News
Herbert, W. S.---Kinston Free Press
Hicks, J. W.---Murfreesboro Index
Hale, E. J.---Fayetteville Observer
Hale, E. J., Jr.---Fayetteville Observer
Hale, Wm.---Hickory Press
Jacobson, W. K.---Washington Progress
Jones, Paul---Tarboro Southerner
Jenkins, Rev. M. A.---Waynesville Baptist

Joyner, O. L. ---- Greenville Reflector
Kernodle, J. D. ---- Graham Gleaner
Kerr, J. P. ---- Asheville Citizen
King, H. T. ---- Greenville Weekly
London, H. A. ---- Pittsboro Record
Lamb, E. F. ---- Elizabeth City Economist
Lamb, S. S. ---- " " "
Latham, H. A. ---- Washington Gazette
McDiarmid, W. W. ---- Lumberton Robesonian
Manning, Thad R. ---- Henderson Gold Leaf
Marshall, W. F. ---- Gastonia Gazette
Maxwell, A. J. ---- Whiteville News
Moffitt, E. L. ---- Raleigh Christian Sun
Meroney, J. S. ---- Cherokee Scout
Maddry, J. Frank ---- Durham Morning Herald
Noell, J. W. ---- Roxboro Courier
Noell, J. A. ---- Roxboro Courier
Oliver, J. R. ---- Reidsville Review
Osborne, Rev. E. A. ---- Charlotte Messenger of Hope
Pender, R. H. ---- Bryson City Times
Pence, T. J. ---- Raleigh Press-Visitor
Roscower, A. ---- Goldsboro Headlight
Robinson, J. A. ---- Durham Sun
Ramsey, J. L. ---- Raleigh Progressive Farmer
Robertson, T. J. ---- North Wilkesboro News
Rodwell, J. R. ---- Warrenton Record
Roueche, J. P ---- Hickory Times
Register, E. C. ---- Charlotte Medical Journal
Stevens, C. L. ---- Southport Leader
Smith, J. A ---- Bessemer City Messenger
Sherrill, J. B. ---- Concord Times
Shipman, M. L ---- Brevard Hustler
Summerow, B. J. ---- Newton Enterprise
St. Clair, P. H. ---- Sanford Express
Sink, Fred O. ---- Lexington Dispatch
Thomas, J. A. ---- Louisburg Times
Tipton, J. C. ---- Oxford Democrat
Tompkins, W. F. ---- Webster Herald
Tarkinton, W. B. ---- Oxford Orphan's Friend
Williams, F. M. ---- Newton Enterprise
Whichard, D. J. ---- Greenville Reflector
Whichard, J. R. ---- Hickory Times
Webster, J. R. ---- Reidsville Weekly
Williams, Rev. L. L. ---- Elizabeth City Messenger
Whitaker, J. B. Jr. ---- Winston Sentinel
Westmoreland, J. F. ---- Thomasville News
Winfield, Rev. J. L. ---- Washington Watch Tower
Williams, S. E. ---- Lexington Dispatch
Varner, H. B. ---- Lexington Dispatch

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Till the devil came a rapping, rapping on his office door.

His sweet dreams were rudely broken, as he heard the loud words spoken,
Spoken from the cellar, where the wicked pressman loudly swore,
Then he saw the devil grinning, as he stood there glibly chinning,
Chinning 'bout the paper that in shreds did fill the floor.
What's the trouble, then he muttered, it's bad paper, nothing more.

Then he rushed so tired and weary, to those regions dark and dreary,
Where dreadful oaths were heard above the press' loud roar,
Cussing seemed the proper caper, as they tried to use cheap paper,
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